

Target Dates

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FY 1998 TARGET DATES FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

Division of Chemistry

In order to improve the Division's management of proposals, and to allow us, where appropriate, to employ disciplinary panels in the merit review process, the Division of Chemistry will use target dates for proposal submissions for disciplinary research activities during FY 1998 (Fiscal Year 1998 begins on October 1, 1997).

There will be three target dates:

October 1, 1997

January 1, 1998

July 1, 1998

Proposals submitted October 1, 1997 and January 1, 1998 will compete for FY 1998 funds, whereas proposals submitted July 1, 1998 will compete for FY 1999 funds. Proposals which miss the target dates will be handled as time permits. Priority will be given to proposals arriving on or within one month before the above target dates. Please do not submit proposals any earlier than one month before the appropriate target date.

Proposals may be submitted via mail or via FastLane. FastLane is located on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/>. Detailed instructions on how to prepare and submit a proposal via Fastlane are available on the Fastlane Home Page. For more information, send email to fastlane@nsf.gov.

The above dates do not apply to proposals sent to the Chemistry Division in response to Foundation-wide solicitations, such as Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER), or special initiatives, such as Environmental Geochemistry and Biogeochemistry. Each program announcement for these special programs or initiatives specifies its own target or deadline dates.

The Foundation provides awards for research and education in the sciences and engineering. The awardee is wholly responsible for the conduct of such research and preparation of the results for publication. The Foundation, therefore, does not assume responsibility for the research findings or their interpretation.

The Foundation welcomes proposals from all qualified scientists and engineers and strongly encourages women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to compete fully in any of the research and education related programs described here. In accordance with federal statutes, regulations, and NSF policies, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the National Science Foundation.

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Privacy Act. The information requested on proposal forms is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. It will be used in connection with the selection of qualified proposals and may be disclosed to qualified reviewers and staff assistants as part of the review process; to applicant institutions/grantees; to provide or obtain data regarding the application review process, award decisions, or the administration of awards; to government contractors, experts, volunteers, and researchers as necessary to complete assigned work; and to other government agencies in order to coordinate programs. See Systems of Records, NSF 50, Principal Investigators/Proposal File and Associated Records, and NSF-51, 60 Federal Register 4449 (January 23, 1995). Reviewer/Proposal File and Associated Records, 59 Federal Register 8031 (February 17, 1994).

Public Burden. Submission of the information is voluntary. Failure to provide full and complete information, however, may reduce the possibility of your receiving an award.

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